

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM:

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Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

Funding the ITC (U)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval in paragraph 3 on an alternative approach to funding the ITC since the original [REDACTED] is no longer sufficient. The new cost is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2. Background: The Ad Hoc Group established by the SECOM last summer to look at needs for ITC funds has dragged on too long. Positions are hardening although there have been only 2 meetings of the Group. Air Force and Navy have no money. Secret Service likes the idea of tuition charges since they have a reduced student population. State feels they have already contributed more than their fair share and wants to pull one of the instructors. Army says they will go back and study ways people might be able to use financial channels to transfer funds, if anyone has any. CIA comes down hard on a position that says to the Community, contribute or we close shop. I believe that this lack of unanimity stems from frustration at the working level which has been addressing this problem. They ran into the administrative behemoth called budget that wants to be fed five years before it gives anything back. All of this begs the issue that the ITC needs new basic training equipment now.

25X1A 3. Recommendation: I recommend that you not try to take [] from TSD to add to ITC's money to buy necessary equipment. Acknowledging that, as the host executive agency for this service of common concern, we should have programmed the money, we should admit we did not. We should ask participating agencies to contribute, if not funds, then equipment needed to train their students. Each agency has some FY 1980 equipment money. They could be expected to purchase equipment that has a dual role of training value and possible operational use. []

25X1 I propose that you inform SECOM at the 30 January 1980 meeting that conditions are such at the ITC that students sent to the 22 May 1980 class must go with their own equipment. []

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25X1 This equipment will have to be ordered now so as to be on hand by May. []

If members cannot meet these requirements, we should give serious thought to allowing the ITC to skip the May class in hopes that the October class date will provide departments more time. We must recognize that once we take this route, we may be on the slippery slope. []

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25X1 For the long range, I agree with the general feeling that the DCI should fund the ITC at a level sufficient to ensure a quality product. []

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